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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : R. SUBBU et al.
Application No. : 09/971,972
Filing Date : October 5, 2001
For : METHOD FOR NETWORK-EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTED
SEARCH AND DECISION-MAKING USING CO-
EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHMS EXECUTING IN A
DISTRIBUTED MULTI-AGENT ARCHITECTURE
Examiner : J. P. Hirl
Art Unit : 2121

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP ART**UNIT 2121 - AND REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one(1) month extension of

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time within which to respond to the outstanding final Official Action dated March 29, 2004; that is, up to and including July 29, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1431 in the amount of \$55 as payment of the official fee now required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), reduced by half for applicant's small entity status.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may now be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Official Action dated March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: